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I would like to express my strong support for HB 2953. It is extremely important that students with special needs can be guaranteed to receive special attention. This means, of course, that there have to be funds available for that purpose. Among our friends are two families who each have a child who survived brain cancer before starting school. Their treatment over many months was intense and both were left with severe brain damage. It breaks your heart to watch them struggling to cope with school. Fortunately there was special support available - I don't know whether it was sufficient. I am convinced, however, that the schools are always going to be struggling to have enough funds to cover all needs, so I am urging you to support HB 2953. It will remove the percentage cap on the amount of money available to school districts for students with special needs.

Thank you,  
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